

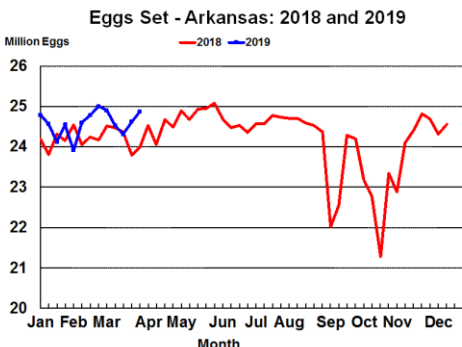
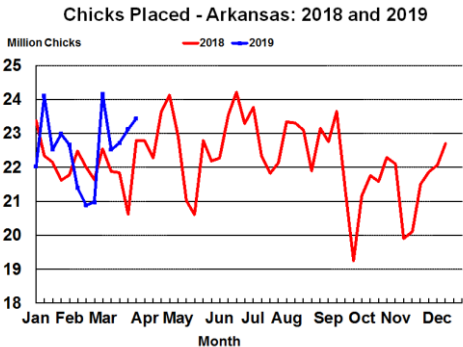


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Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.4 million during the week ending March 30, 2019. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2018 and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 30, 2019, up 4 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	31,678	29,911	30,138	30,152	30,301	22,190	21,097	21,851	21,314	22,626
Arkansas	24,898	24,522	24,310	24,621	24,875	24,162	22,522	22,721	23,122	23,436
Delaware	5,127	5,326	5,489	5,490	5,490	5,061	5,204	6,034	5,642	5,414
Florida	1,225	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,342	1,334	1,230	1,324	1,320
Georgia	34,627	35,077	34,788	34,100	35,116	27,917	28,857	27,458	27,772	27,154
Kentucky	7,760	7,621	7,791	7,783	7,912	5,788	6,836	6,217	6,041	6,160
Louisiana	3,803	3,803	3,773	3,682	3,652	3,234	3,275	3,293	3,290	3,320
Maryland	8,204	8,036	8,326	7,590	7,584	6,005	5,612	5,604	5,334	5,696
Mississippi	16,719	18,089	17,951	18,880	18,896	15,577	15,814	15,969	13,800	14,358
Missouri	8,421	8,717	8,151	8,549	8,151	4,789	6,140	6,503	5,522	5,471
N. Carolina	24,092	24,153	24,260	24,253	24,164	17,551	18,720	19,693	19,130	19,064
Oklahoma	7,505	7,585	7,885	7,643	7,696	3,260	3,728	3,552	4,566	3,988
Pennsylvania	5,167	5,215	5,232	5,084	4,500	3,810	3,858	3,853	3,864	3,844
S. Carolina	5,832	5,936	5,926	6,036	5,774	5,265	4,206	4,191	4,909	5,174
Texas	17,249	17,359	17,405	17,267	17,430	13,649	13,875	13,812	13,862	13,794
Virginia	6,621	6,469	6,394	6,459	6,318	5,935	5,603	5,250	5,669	5,619
CA,TN & WV	12,147	12,811	12,699	12,120	12,463	10,172	9,832	11,186	10,876	10,958
Other States	9,747	9,831	10,221	9,806	9,942	7,755	7,705	7,289	7,522	7,814
U.S. Total	230,822	231,655	231,933	230,709	231,458	183,462	184,218	185,706	183,559	185,210
% of Prev. Year	101	102	102	102	102	101	101	102	100	101

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 30, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 30, 2019 for the United States were 2.39 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.